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For record in Public Hearing of SB 1 – Energy

From: Tom Wemyss Date: 3/15/2011

Points of Comment:

- 1) As a small business we strongly **SUPPORT** this bill's provision to support the wider deployment of clean energy technologies;
- 2) Our business is highly dependant on state subsidies to provide residents of Connecticut with the benefits of clean energy, at an affordable price;
- 3) With this State support, and increased competition, we have already seen the price of renewables decrease significantly;
- 4) Interest in clean energy is very promising, however the high start up costs remain an obstructing factor for some;
- 5) Because of this, we strongly **OPPOSE** the current 5 year cap on the Solar Renewable Energy Certificates this Bill proposes;
- 6) Since their introduction in 2010, other states such as Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania, have all demonstrated the effectiveness and market certainty SRECs provide;
- 7) In order for the Renewables industry in CT to respond effectively with much greater employment opportunities, we urge that the SREC procurement period be increased to 10 years (as passed by the Senate and House in 2009);
- 8) We will also be contacting our local Legislatures, Delegate Perone and Senator Duff, to voice our support and proposed amendments for this Bill.

Thank you for consideration, and I hope we can count on your support.